



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety Seizes Over 7,800 Pounds of Marijuana During the Month of November

A number of traffic stops made by Highway Patrol Officers with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) along with seizures made by Detectives assigned to the agency's Criminal Investigations Division resulted in the confiscation of over 7,800 pounds of marijuana during the month of November.

The traffic stops and seizures were made at various locations throughout the state.

"This shows drug traffickers are as determined as ever to get their product through the state. This also proves DPS is on the front lines of this battle as we continue to take thousands of pounds of marijuana off the streets and highways in Arizona," said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Most of the marijuana seizures came after canines with DPS or the U.S. Border Patrol were used to search vehicles.

The largest seizure made by DPS came on November 20th when 1,478 pounds of marijuana was seized near Willcox.

As a result of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's tireless effort to dismantle and disrupt the criminal organizations that manufacture, grow, transport and sell illegal drugs, communities in Arizona are becoming safer places to live.

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